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# Cervical Cancer: Prevention and Treatment

Satellite Conference and Live Webcast Friday, October 10, 2008

1:00-3:00 p.m. (Central Time)

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hat was once viewed as one of the leading causes of cancer death in U.S. women is now a lot less frightening. Cervical cancer has become a winnable battle thanks to the increased use of the Pap test. In fact, the overall cervical cancer death rate declined 74 percent from 1955 – 1992 and continues to decrease by 4% a year.

Even with recent advances, the American Cancer Society estimates around 11,070 cases of invasive cervical cancer will be diagnosed in the United States this year and nearly 3900 women will die from the disease. Research shows the most invasive forms of cervical cancer are found in women who have not had regular Pap smears.

More often than not, the Pap smear is a quick, once a year test for women. Though it may be slightly uncomfortable, fact is, cervical cancer is the easiest female cancer to prevent and is highly curable when found early, and one of the only ways to find the cancer early is to get a Pap smear.

So what do your female patients need to know when it comes to their health? Are there ways to keep the disease from developing? Is the vaccine for HPV – Human Papillomavirus – and one of the leading causes of cervical cancer – effective? Our faculty will have the answers to these questions and a lot more in this program. We hope you'll take the time to watch – one woman's life could depend on it.

## Program Objectives:

- 1. Understand risk factors for cervical cancer.
- 2. Discuss the link between HPV infection and its role in the development of cervical cancer.
- 3. Describe current methods to prevent cervical cancer including HPV vaccination guidelines.
- 4. Discuss the latest developments in cervical cancer.
- 5. List approved methods of screening and diagnosing cervical cancer.
- 6. Discuss the management/treatment of cervical cancer.

## Faculty:

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## Conference Details:

<u>Target Audience</u>: Clinicians, nurses, social workers, health educators and other healthcare professionals and administrators who are involved with women's health.

**Registration**: www.adph.org/alphtn **Cost**: There is no cost to view.

**Continuing Education**: Social Workers 1.7 hours approved.

Satellite Technical Information: This program will be a live satellite broadcast on C band.

**Webcast Information**: This program will be a live webcast. Register at www.adph.org/alphtn To view webcast, you need RealPlayer or Windows Media Player. Test your computer before the day of the program from the "test connection" link at www.adph.org/alphtn

On the day of the program, go to www.adph.org/alphtn & click on the "view webcast" link.

<u>Conference Materials</u>: Posted on our website approximately one week before the program for registered participants. <u>Questions For Faculty</u>: Fax or email questions and a response will be given during the program.

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